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NEWS ITEMS

Among the botanical societies that will hold meetings in Philadelphia during the Christmas holidays are: Botanical Society of America, Society of American Bacteriologists, American Phytopathological Society, American Fern Society and the Sullivant Moss Society.

On Monday evening, December 14, at the meeting of the New York Academy of Sciences, a symposium on Porto Rico was held at which reports on the Academy's exploration of that island were heard. Dr. N. L. Britton, Dr. Marshall A. Howe, and Dr. N. Wille spoke on the botanical features. The latter left for Porto Rico on December 19 to study the fresh-water algae.

We learn from *Science* that Professor J. C. Bose, of Calcutta, known for his work in plant physiology, is in this country. He is to be in the east until January 11, on which date he addresses the New York Academy of Sciences, and before which time he will speak at various universities and to scientific bodies. During the latter part of January he is arranging a trip to several middle western universities. On Monday, December 7, Dr. Bose spoke at Columbia University on "Physiological Response in *Mimosa*."

Dr. Hally D. M. Jolivette, formerly instructor of botany in the State College, Pullman, Washington, has recently been appointed a scientific assistant in the office of pathological collections and inspection work, department of agriculture.

A *Joint Committee on Standards for Graphic Presentation* has been formed by the appointment of members from a number of learned societies. Botanists who have suggestions to offer should communicate with Dr. J. Arthur Harris, Station for Experimental Evolution, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, N. Y.

The flora of Southhold and Gardiner's Island which has occupied most of the November and December issues of *TORREYA* has been reprinted in pamphlet form. Copies may be procured from Mr. S. H. Burnham, R. F. D. No. 2, Hudson Falls, N. Y., at twenty-five cents each.